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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Non-Responsive Election/Restriction

Applicants' response dated 24 March 2005 elected a single target sequence, but no single corresponding antisense sequence as required. Said election is therefore non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

The instantly claimed invention comprises multiple target sequences as well as multiple antisense sequences. Restriction to a single antisense sequence and its corresponding target sequence was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the restriction requirement mailed 28 December 2004.

Applicants were advised that the reply to the restriction requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Although Applicants representative does not quite understand the reasoning behind the requirement to elect a single antisense sequence, the requirement for Applicants to elect is not relieved therefore.

Accordingly, applicants are again required to elect a single corresponding antisense sequence to the elected target region of nucleobases 900 through 943 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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Conclusion

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